A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
- 2 amendment to article X, section 1, of the Hawaii state
- 3 constitution to permit the appropriation of public funds for
- 4 private early childhood education programs to help the State
- 5 meet its goal of providing an early learning system for the
- 6 children of Hawaii.
- 7 SECTION 2. Article X, section 1, of the Constitution of
- 8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:
- 9 "PUBLIC EDUCATION
- 10 Section 1. The State shall provide for the establishment,
- 11 support and control of a statewide system of public schools free
- 12 from sectarian control, a state university, public libraries and
- 13 such other educational institutions as may be deemed desirable,
- 14 including physical facilities therefor. There shall be no
- 15 discrimination in public educational institutions because of
- 16 race, religion, sex or ancestry; nor shall public funds be
- appropriated for the support or benefit of any sectarian or SB1084 HD1 HMS 2013-2725



- 1 nonsectarian private educational institution, except that public
- 2 funds may be appropriated for the support or benefit of private
- 3 early childhood education programs, subject to the non-
- 4 discrimination provision above, as provided by law, and that
- 5 proceeds of special purpose revenue bonds authorized or issued
- 6 under section 12 of Article VII may be appropriated to finance
- 7 or assist:
- 8 1. Not-for-profit corporations that provide early
- 9 childhood education and care facilities serving the general
- 10 public; and
- 11 2. Not-for-profit private nonsectarian and sectarian
- 12 elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges and
- 13 universities."
- 14 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 15 be as follows:
- 16 "Shall the appropriation of public funds be permitted for
- 17 the support or benefit of private early childhood education
- 18 programs that shall not discriminate on the basis of race,
- 19 religion, sex or ancestry, as provided by law?"
- 20 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

- 1 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect on July 1,
- 2 2050, upon compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the
- 3 Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

S.B. NO. 5.D. 1

Report Title:

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Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to permit the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education programs, subject to non-discrimination provisions, as provided by law. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB1084 HD1)

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